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G.O.(Ms.) No.87/2024/ Home.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21st March, 2024

S. R. O. No. 310/2024

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Kerala, with the concurrence of the High Court of Kerala, hereby establish, in the Judicial District mentioned in column (1) of the Schedule below a



Fast Track Special Court, as specified in column(2), to sit at the place specified in column (3) with local area of jurisdiction as specified in column (4) thereof, for the trial of cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012) and Rape cases with effect from 23rd March, 2024,namely:-

SCHEDULE

<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Name of the Court</i>	<i>Place of Sitting</i>	<i>Area of Jurisdiction</i>
1	2	3	4
Palakkad	Fast Track Special Court, Alathur	Alathur	Revenue District of Palakkad

By order of the Governor ,

BISHWANATH SINHA

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the Notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government of India have come up with a new scheme of setting up Fast Track Special Courts for the expeditious trial and disposal of cases of rape and cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012) aimed at implementing the provisions in the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018. As per the decision of the Central Government, fifty six Fast Track Special Courts are to be established in the State. Further, the Supreme Court in the Suo Motu Writ Petition (Crl.) No.1 of 2019 has issued directions to designate/establish exclusive Courts for the trial of cases relating to Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012). In the first phase, twenty eight Fast Track Special Courts



were established in the State of which fourteen Courts were later notified as exclusive Courts for the trial of cases under the said Act.

In the second phase, it was decided to establish the remaining twenty eight Courts. The High Court, after considering the total number of cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act pending in each Taluk/centre, availability of infrastructure, pendency of cases in the other Courts etc. suggested the locations of the Fast Track Special Courts in each district. As per G.O.(Ms) No. 20/2022/Home dated 04th February, 2022, G.O. (Ms.)No.86/2022/Home dated 29th April, 2022 and G.O. (Ms.) No.105/2022/Home dated 28th May, 2022, the Government of Kerala have accorded sanction for the establishment of 28 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) in 14 districts in the State as Phase-II, to ensure the speedy disposal of rape cases and cases registered under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012). It has now been decided to commence the Fast Track Special Court in Palakkad judicial district at the location suggested by the High Court at Alathur with effect from 23rd March, 2024.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

